

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL JAMES MERZLAK,

Defendant.

CR 24–19–BU–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is the United States of America’s Unopposed Motion for Final Order of Forfeiture. (Doc. 130.) Having reviewed said Motion, the Court finds:

1. The United States commenced this action pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a)(1) and (2) and 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(11).
2. A Preliminary Order of Forfeiture was entered on January 17, 2025. (Doc. 113.)
3. All known interested parties were provided an opportunity to respond and publication has been effected as required by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). (Doc. 122.)
4. It appears there is cause to issue a forfeiture of the unclaimed property under 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a)(1) and (2) and 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(11).

It is therefore ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. The Motion for Final Order of Forfeiture (Doc. 130) is GRANTED.
2. Judgment of forfeiture of the following property shall enter in favor of the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a)(1) and (2) and 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(11) free from the claims of any other party: F.LLI Pietta, Fabrica D'Armi 1873 SA revolver, Cal. 45, SN E131556, and any associated accessories and ammunition.
3. The United States shall have full and legal title to the forfeited property and may dispose of it in accordance with law.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2025.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court